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Rockville City Police Chief Victor Brito is sworn in.

Victor Brito Sworn In as Police Chief New Hire Brings 27 Years of Experience

Victor Brito was sworn in as chief of the Rockville City Police Department on Monday, June 18.

The ceremony, which preceded that night's Mayor and Council meeting, included the opportunity to meet community members.

Brito has more than 27 years in law enforcement, most recently as Hagerstown's police chief. He served 25 years with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C., retiring with the rank of captain.

His service with the department included four-and-a-half years as the assistant district commander of the Seventh District, where he led a command of about 400 members. Before that, he commanded the department's disciplinary review division, recruiting branch and the Metropolitan Police Academy, where he was responsible for entry-level and continuing education for sworn officers, officials and civilians.

He also oversaw the Synchronized Operations Command Center, which gathered intelligence, coordinated field activities, and managed emergency and planned events

across multiple jurisdictions in Washington; the department's special investigations branch, which conducted all major city-wide criminal investigations; and the special events branch, which oversaw all major events, including coordinating with the Secret Service on the protection of the president and vice president of the United States, and foreign heads of state.

"I'm proud and honored to be part of the Rockville City Police Department and its commitment to community policing," Brito said. "I love what I do and I am humbled and terribly excited to lead the fine men and women of Rockville's police force."

City Manager Rob DiSpirito solicited input from community members about what they would like to see in Rockville's next police chief via a survey. All police department employees were also polled, and community members served on the team interviewing candidates.

"I am eager to introduce Victor Brito as the City of Rockville's police chief," DiSpirito said. "His law enforcement experience, leadership skills and abil-

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Celebrate a Fabulous Fourth with Fireworks in King Farm

A Rockville tradition, the Independence Day celebration, returns to King Farm on Wednesday, July 4.

Hosted by the Mayor and Council, the celebration is held annually at the 26-acre Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, in King Farm, which of-

fers easy access and ample free parking, with convenient exits within a short walk of fireworks viewing areas.

The celebration includes live music by The Nighthawks at 7 p.m. and a fabulous 20-minute-long fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. There is no rain date.

The entertainment and fireworks can be viewed from the park grounds. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and food and beverages. Parking will be available in lots on Shady Grove

and Gaither roads and Piccard Drive, near the park. Rockville police will guide traffic to and from the designated lots before and after the event.

To prepare for the celebration, the Rockville Dog Park at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park will be closed from 7 a.m. Sunday, July 1 until 9 a.m.

Thursday, July 5. The fireworks safety zone, which includes the football fields, tennis courts, playground and parking lots, will be closed from 7 a.m. Tuesday, July 3 through Wednesday, July 4. There will be limited access to other parts of the park from Sunday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 4.

For additional parking, transit options and general information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday, email special_events@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620. ✦

GET THERE

WHAT: Independence Day Celebration

WHEN: Wednesday, July 4, 7-9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive



Rockville's Mayor Newton Becomes Maryland Municipal League President Will Serve from 2018-2019 Under Theme of 'Together, We Can'

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton has become president of the Maryland Municipal League, a statewide organization that represents and advocates on behalf of Maryland's 157 towns and cities. Newton has served as the organization's president-elect since MML's 2017 summer conference.

Each year, incoming MML presidents choose a theme for their term. Newton's 2018-2019 theme is "Together, We Can."



"These are uncertain times in government," Newton said. "Municipal government is the closest to the people. We

know firsthand that you lead best and accomplish more by working together. I look forward to this year as Maryland's cities and towns lead the way to

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Most City Facilities Closed July Fourth

City Hall and the following city facilities will be closed Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day: Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers; the Rockville Senior Center; Croydon Creek Nature Center; Glenview Mansion, including the mansion's art gallery; and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and its box office.

Theater tickets are always available at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will close at 6 p.m. Find summer hours for individual swim center facilities at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

After regular recycling, yard waste and refuse collection on Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3, there will be no collection on July 4. Collections will be made one day later through Friday. For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse or call 240-314-8568.

Parking at city-owned meters will be free.

For more information, call 240-314-5000. ✦

Former City of Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio Dies

Phyllis Marcuccio, who served as Rockville's mayor from 2009-2013, died Tuesday, June 5. She was 84.

"Mayor Marcuccio was a deeply devoted public servant throughout her life and career," Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton said in a statement on behalf of the Mayor and Council, and city staff. "A longstanding Rockville resident, she prided herself as a grassroots activist



Former Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio (1934-2018).

and was an outspoken advocate for the city, always keeping

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Enjoy Smoke-Free Dining and Drinking Outside in Rockville

The summer weather is finally here and these warm evenings are the perfect excuse for a meal outside at one of Rockville's restaurants and bars. Even better, that experience will be smoke free at outdoor serving areas.

Under an ordinance, passed in May 2017, owners, managers or employees of restaurants and bars cannot knowingly allow smoking or vaping on patios, decks, porches or at other outdoor serving areas, and food service facilities are required to post conspicuous signs announcing the vaping/smoking prohibition.

More information about the ban can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter, by selecting the May 22, 2017, Mayor and Council meeting, and at www.rockvillemd.gov/smokingvapingban.

New Rockville Rewards Cards On Sale Aug. 1

Save money while supporting your community with Rockville Rewards discount cards.

Nonprofits sell Rockville Rewards cards and keep 100 percent of the proceeds to support scholarships, homeless shelters and free medical clinics.

Businesses, which participate by offering discounts to cardholders, receive free marketing and connect with customers while giving back to local nonprofits. Businesses interested in taking part should visit www.rockville.rewards.com/join-us/business.

The cards cost \$25 and can be purchased directly from a nonprofit partner or at www.rockvillerewards.com/buy, where pre-orders are now being accepted for 2018-2019 cards. Current cards are good until Aug. 31 for discounts at 150 local businesses. The new cards will go on sale beginning Aug. 1 and will offer savings through August 2019.

Launched in 2009, Rockville Rewards is a program of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, with grant funding from the City of Rockville.

Rockville Chamber Welcomes New CEO

Marji Graf was recently named president and CEO of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

Graf has spent the last 10 years as the CEO of the Okemo Valley (Vermont) Regional Chamber of Commerce. Her first day is Monday, July 2. She succeeds Michelle F. Day, who served as the Rockville chamber's CEO since June 2015 and is moving with her family to Atlanta.

Graf's experience includes serving as president of the Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, president of the New England Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and on the Travel and Recreation Council for the state of Vermont.

She is the founder of Wellness Marketing International, LLC, an international wellness company specializing in products to create healthy home and office environments. She formerly ran MRB Media Services, Inc., a media buying firm based in Connecticut and the United Kingdom specializing in the placement of radio and television advertisements worldwide. Her experience in advertising, media and marketing includes the launch of ESPN in 1979 and positions with other broadcasting networks in Connecticut.

Graf and her husband, Bill, and son, Ryan, are looking forward to calling Rockville home.

Learn more about the Rockville Chamber of Commerce at www.rockvillechamber.org.



Rockville's Newest Park Named 'Chestnut Lodge Park' Commemoration Planned for Fallen Firefighter

"Chestnut Lodge Park" is the name of the city's newest park, a 6.4-acre property located at 500 W. Montgomery Ave.

The Mayor and Council decided on the new name at their May 14 meeting. Dozens of suggestions were received by members of the public following an invite from the Mayor and Council to submit naming proposals. A total of 187 names were submitted, 107 of which were unique.

Recognizing the public support during the naming process for a memorial to Deputy Chief State Fire

Marshal Sander B. Cohen, the Mayor and Council directed city staff to work with representatives of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department to determine a meaningful commemoration. That process is underway. Cohen was fatally struck on the shoulder of I-270, where he had stopped to help a motorist.

The Mayor and Council acquired the three parcels that make up the park in 2017. For more on Rockville's parks and open spaces, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/parksandfacilities. +



Operation Turtle Lift: Public Works Project Relocates Pond Residents

A project to improve a stormwater management pond in Cabin John Stream Valley Park this spring meant moving some of the pond's longtime residents.

The city enlisted help from the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society to relocate about 70 turtles to a new home at the recently constructed stormwater management pond at Horizon Hill Park.

MATTS volunteers used floating basking traps, hands and dip nets to capture as many turtles as possible in late May, just before the pond was drained for construction. The turtles were placed in plastic bins and transported by volunteers to their new home. Volunteers took steps to disinfect equipment and footwear so as not to transport any disease-causing viruses or other organisms to the new pond.

The city's partnership with MATTS is winning kudos from the community.

Judy Flax, a Horizon Hill resident, wrote to the city to express her gratitude. "At this time in our society, it is

encouraging and uplifting to my soul to see our local government having a heart," she wrote. "Thank you."

This is the second time MATTS has helped protect Rockville's reptilian residents. In fall 2016, volunteers searched Watkins Pond in King Farm for turtles and the city posted temporary "Turtle Crossing" signs and placed filter logs against the curb to help turtles climb up and out of the roadway. For photos and more information about that project, visit RockvilleReports.com and search "turtles."

The Hungerford-Stoneridge Stormwater Management Facility retrofit project at Cabin John Stream Valley Park includes dredging and deepening the pond to enhance water treatment, and planting native and marsh plants, shrubs and 29 trees. Learn more about the improvements at www.rockvillemd.gov/hungerfordstoneridgeproject. +

Apply for Grants to Help Home Repair

CDBG Funding Targets Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Providers

Rockville's Department of Community Planning and Development's Housing Division will hold a housing providers forum on applying for Community Development Block Grant funding, 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, in the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall.

The forum will share information on how affordable housing providers can receive CDBG money to pay for repairs to their affordable housing stock. RSVP to attend at bit.ly/housingforum2018.

Rockville is accepting applications for an anticipated \$263,000 in federal CDBG funds it will receive in fall 2019. CDBG money can be used to provide grants to housing providers for housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households or neighborhoods. Applications will be

reviewed and prioritized by city staff and forwarded, with recommendations, to the Mayor and Council for review and approval for submission to Montgomery County in late fall. Rockville receives CDBG funds through Montgomery County.

Interested householders can visit the city's website at www.rockvillemd.gov and search "Single Family Rehabilitation Program" for more information, or contact rehabilitation specialist Martin Dasler at 240-314-8208 or mdasler@rockvillemd.gov. +

Rockville's Dept. of Community Planning and Development Services Housing Division presents

Housing Providers Forum:

Applying for Community Development Block Grant Funds

Tuesday, July 10 • 9-11:30 a.m.

Mayor and Council chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

RSVP to attend: bit.ly/housingforum2018

www.rockvillemd.gov/CPDS

Mayor Becomes MML President

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a better Maryland for all."

Newton, who will serve 2018-2019, will be the sixth president from Rockville to head the organization since its founding in 1936. The last MML president from Rockville, Councilmember John Tyner II, currently a member of the Rockville Planning Commission, served from 1983-84.

MML is governed by a 31-member board of directors comprised of elected and appointed officials from throughout the state. Newton was elected to the MML Board of Directors in 2012 and named chair of the organization's legislative committee after a year as vice chair. Newton served as president of the Montgomery Chapter

of MML from November 2012 through June 2015. As president-elect, Newton sat on the league's five-member executive committee.

Newton was elected as a Rockville councilmember in 2009 and as mayor in 2013. As mayor, Newton serves as the council liaison to the Recreation and Park Advisory Board, Rockville Economic Development, Inc., and Rockville Seniors, Inc. She is a member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Board of Directors. In December 2016, she was unanimously elected chair of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board.

For more on the Maryland Municipal League, visit www.md-municipal.org. +



ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS... • Don't advertise vacation plans. Have a trusted neighbor, friend or relative check on your home while you are away. Stop mail and paper deliveries. Set timers on lights in rooms that are normally used. • Always lock bicycles to a stationary object. The best device is a hardened steel u-shaped lock. • When working in the yard, make sure front, rear and garage doors are locked.

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Meetings: Monday, July 2 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. Work session: Monday, July 16 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Mark Pierzchala on July 2. Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg will hold drop-in hours on Aug 1.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to

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Rockville's Mayor and Council Adopt \$136.2 Million Budget Property Tax Rate Remains Constant for Tenth Consecutive Year

Rockville residents will pay the same property tax rate as they have for the last 10 fiscal years, after the Mayor and Council approved the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

Rockville's FY 2019 operating budget equals \$136.2 million. Budget highlights include funding for two new full-time police officers and an additional tree maintenance worker; improvements recommended in the Senior Needs Assessment Action Plan and the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan; software to help track the city's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit housing program; a Department of Recreation and Parks strategic plan; replacing flooring at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center; a study of strategies to make Rockville an arts destination; and exploring potential uses and

development of the Rockshire Village Center property.

The FY19 budget represents a 4.6 percent, or \$5.9 million, increase over the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. The 2019 fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2019.

Property tax rates will remain \$0.292 for real property and \$0.805 for personal property. Both rates are per \$100 of assessed value. The FY19 budget continues the city's supplement to the State of Maryland's Homeowner's Tax Credit, which provides real property tax credits to low- to moderate-income homeowners.

The adopted budget includes necessary increases to average residential bills for water, sewer and stormwater management that reflect added costs of providing these services. There is no increase in the rate for

residential recycling and refuse services. Based on the adopted FY19 rates, the average annual residential bill for city utilities for a sample family of four will increase by \$70.78, or 4.3 percent.

The Capital Improvements Program, which funds new construction and infrastructure maintenance, equals \$67.7 million for FY19 and supports several major newly funded projects.

The Mayor and Council held three work sessions and two public hearings after the city manager's proposed budget was presented, and solicited budget ideas from the public through the city's website.

For more information about the FY19 budget, visit RockvilleReports.com and search "budget," visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. ✚

City Wish List for Federal Aid: Metro, Police and Infrastructure

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala and city staff took the following requests for federal support to a June 6 meeting with the city's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.:

- **Metro funding:** Federal funding to maintain and improve the Metrorail system, ensuring the system's safety and reliability. Metro is critical to Rockville's transportation network and is heavily relied upon by residents, workers and city visitors.
- **Infrastructure upgrades:** Requests for federal funding for bridge rehabilitation and asphalt repair and replacement, stormwater system renovation, and sanitary sewer system improvements.
- **Truck weight and length:** Continued opposition to efforts to change national standards and allow trucks of greater weight and length.
- **Opposition to cuts for Amtrak**

long-distance rail lines: In 2017, more than 5,600 passengers in Rockville used the Capitol Limited Service route to connect to cities on the East Coast and in the Midwest.

- **Community Oriented Policing Services grant:** A request to re-establish a technology and equipment grant through the federal program known as COPS. The Rockville City Police Department is seeking federal funding to replace its 13-year-old Mobile Command Center vehicle and equipment, and to purchase forward-looking infrared spotlights for 25 police vehicles, which can help to locate missing or lost individuals. The department also plans to apply for a COPS hiring grant to expand community policing.
- **Community Development Block Grant:** A request that this federal grant funding, which has been cut by nearly 30 percent between 2010 and 2017, not be cut further. The city puts

the funding toward housing rehabilitation for low-income homeowners and other low- and moderate-income housing rehabilitation.

- **Cybersecurity training and upgrades:** A request for federal funding to make cybersecurity upgrades identified by the United States Department of Homeland Security. DHS recommends cybersecurity training for city staff; the incorporation of cybersecurity and business continuity into emergency planning and disaster recovery efforts; and tests and upgrades of city networks, including the control system of the city's water treatment plant.

Find more information, including video of the Mayor and Council's May 7 discussion of the federal priorities at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. For more on Rockville's federal priorities, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115. ✚

The Great Summer #MyRockville Rock Scavenger Hunt

We've Lost Our Rocks ... Help Find Them!

We'll be hiding a rock somewhere in Rockville each week over the summer. Can you follow the hints to find each one?

Follow us on social media for clues!

- [Twitter.com/rockville411](https://twitter.com/rockville411)

- www.facebook.com/cityofrockville
- www.instagram.com/city_of_rockville
- **... and watch for the clue hashtags:**
- #MyRockville



- #RkvScavengerHunt
- #WheretheRock

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those who are speaking on an agenda item.

- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. The webpage also includes schedules and cancellations, and contact information.

Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **July 5, 12, 19, 26; Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Development Review Committee** 9 a.m.
- **July 10; Aug. 14, Human Services Advisory Commission** 6:30 p.m.
- **July 11, 25; Aug. 8, Planning Commission** 7 p.m.
- **July 11; Aug. 29, Sign Review Board**, 9 a.m.
- **July 12, Environment** 7 p.m.
- **July 12, Aug. 2, Historic District Commission** 7 p.m.
- **July 14, Board of Appeals** 9 a.m.
- **July 18; Aug. 15, Rockville Sister City Corporation** 7 p.m.
- **July 26, Recreation and Park Advisory Board** 7 p.m. Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Appeals (1 alt.)
- Compensation Commission (5)
- Cultural Arts Commission (2)
- Financial Advisory Board (2)
- Historic District Commission (2 regular/1 alt.)
- Human Rights Commission (3)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (2 reg./1 alt.)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (1)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.

Permitting Fee Increase Approved

The Mayor and Council approved fee increases at their May 14 meeting for permits that include building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and almost all other construction trades, for both residential and commercial projects, in order to better reflect the cost of providing those services.

The fees will take effect July 1. This is the first fee increase for Inspection Services Division permits since July 1, 2012.

To view the full fee schedule, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23640.

Swim Center to Close for Annual Cleaning and Maintenance

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center is gearing up for its annual August spruce up.

Indoor facilities will be temporarily closed for cleaning and repairs during August and the start of September.

The North Pool and whirlpool will be closed Aug. 11-26, reopening Aug. 27. Improvements will include re-grouting for the whirlpool and repaired patches of white coat in North Pool.

Indoor locker rooms will be closed Aug. 25-Sept. 3, reopening Sept. 4. Staff will replace broken tiles, replace shower stems, touch up paint and deep clean the locker rooms.

The South Pool and fitness wing will be closed Aug. 27-Sept. 3, reopening Sept. 4. Both areas will receive a deep cleaning and touchup paint throughout.

The front desk and lobby will not be accessible from Aug. 27-31, and will reopen on Sept. 1 to process registrations and memberships.

Find out about Rockville Swim and Fitness Center pool schedules, seasonal hours, personal training opportunities and more at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.



Artist's rendering of Twinbrook Quarter, looking south along the Metrorail tracks and Rockville Pike.

Wegmans to Anchor Twinbrook Quarter Project

A Wegmans grocery store will be the lead retail anchor for the Twinbrook Quarter project. The store will be located at the corner of Halpine Road and Rockville Pike.

For Rockville 11's rundown of the Twinbrook Quarter, visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search for "Wegmans."

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Community and Crime Prevention on National Night Out

Block Parties Offer Opportunity to Meet Neighbors, Connect with Police

Rockville neighbors are invited to celebrate their communities on Tuesday, Aug. 7 as the Rockville City Police Department participates in National Night Out.

Now in its 35th year, National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It aims to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention, generate support for anti-crime programs, and strengthen community spirit and community policing partnerships. Neighborhoods will host block parties featuring cook-outs, bounce houses, carnival games and giveaways.

McGruff the Crime Dog will stop by several block parties to spread his anti-crime and anti-drug message. The Mayor and Council, RCPD officers and members of the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office will also visit many of the gatherings.

Residents are invited to turn on outdoor lights as part of the traditional display of front porch vigils, sending the message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/nnn. To register your block party, contact Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922 or kmatney@rockvillemd.gov.



Rockville will celebrate the 35th National Night Out with neighborhood block parties Aug. 7.

Mayor and Council Oppose I-270 Widening

A Letter to the State Details Pollution and Traffic Concerns

The Mayor and Council in May sent a letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation expressing opposition to any widening or addition of lanes to Interstate 270 in Rockville as part of the state's I-495 & I-270 Public-Private Partnership Program.

Under the first phase of the program, the state is conducting a managed lane

study to review existing and future traffic, and roadway and environmental conditions, in order to identify alternatives and assess their potential impacts.

The May 14 letter urges MDOT to pursue mass transit "which is the only viable solution to lasting traffic congestion." The letter also expressed concern about the potential loss of private

property owned by residents and businesses, and public property, including the Rockville Senior Center, which borders I-270.

"We want to ensure that the proposed project does not include multi-parcel takings to add lanes or widen I-270 north or south," the letter said. "These options will increase noise and pollution, invite more traffic,

and create new levels of congestion."

Find the full letter at RockvilleReports.com. Search "I-270."

The Mayor and Council and city staff are continuing to actively engage with the state. Community members can learn more and comment on the project at <https://495-270-p3.com/contact>.



OFFICERS RECOGNIZED FOR BRAVERY, SERVICE AND SAVING LIVES ... Seven members of the Rockville City Police Department were honored for their service to the community at the 29th annual Rockville Public Safety Awards on Wednesday, June 13 at Lakewood Country Club. Rockville officers honored were (L to R): Officer Daniel Morozewicz, Cpl. Steven Malko, Cpl. Kyle Dickerson, Cpl. Jonathan Lally, Cpl. Eddie Roman, Sgt. Andy Taglienti and Officer Brandon Thomas. Learn more about the honorees at RockvilleReports.com/seven-rockville-police-officers-honored-at-public-safety-awards.



EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE ... Members of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County Fire Department were recognized by the Mayor and Council, Monday, June 4, for exceptional service when responding to a devastating three-alarm fire at Fireside Park Apartments in February. The fire destroyed three buildings and 32 units, displacing 27 families and about 60 people in total. As many as 150 firefighters responded to the blaze on a day with high winds and extremely cold temperatures.



GOT A CART THAT'S FALLIN' APART? ... Let us fix that for you! Recycling and refuse carts with missing, bent or cracked metal grab bars can be dangerous for you and for city collection crews. If you have a damaged cart, please call 240-314-8568 or select "Order, Swap or Return a Cart" under "I Want To ..." at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse for a free replacement.

Sewer Backups and What the City Can Do for You

When it comes to property owner nightmares, few things are more stressful, inconvenient or damaging than a sewer backup.

While the city prohibits the discharge of any substance likely to cause a sewer obstruction, and actively tries to educate the public about the problems they cause, we can't absolutely guarantee or prevent backups.

But just in case it happens to you, we have some useful advice.

Before you contact a plumber, call the 24-Hour Public Works Emergency Hotline at 240-314-8567 and let them know you're report-

ing a sewer emergency — backed-up sewer lines, line breaks, sewage odors and overflowing manholes fall into that category.

Once notified of a sewer emergency, the city investigates to determine whether or not the backup is in the portion of the pipe the city maintains. If the problem isn't in the mainline, or in the city-maintained portion of the lateral line, the homeowner will be advised to contact a registered master plumber to locate the stoppage, remove it, and clean out the lateral line.

The City of Rockville makes every effort to be responsive to customers' needs

and concerns when a sewer backup occurs, and has a crew whose sole duty is to inspect, clean and maintain sewers on a daily basis. Unfortunately, because a sewer isn't a closed system, what's put into the sewer can cause clogs.

Rockville actively seeks to limit sewer backups with rigorous preventive maintenance that includes high-velocity flushing, video inspection, root sawing, sonar system testing, grease inhibitors, root growth inhibitors, and lining or replacing piping. Because utility providers, including Rockville, are not strictly liable for damage from a sewer

backup, the state specifically requires that all homeowner insurers that sell policies in Maryland offer coverage for water and sewer backup losses, in writing, when homeowners apply for and renew their policy.

Your homeowners insurance likely excludes coverage for losses as a result of sewer-related backups unless you specifically purchase an endorsement to your policy.

For more comprehensive information on sewer backups, including some recommendations for prevention and clean up, see www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/432. ❖



Mayor Marcuccio Dies

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the best interests of her community close to her heart."

Marcuccio's terms as mayor followed two terms as a councilmember. She retired as mayor in 2013. Marcuccio lived in Rockville for more than 50 years.

"She was a stalwart champion for accountability, putting Rockville residents first when it came to making decisions as a member of the Mayor and Council," Newton said. Whether planning for growth, keeping residents safe, wisely spending taxpayer money or protecting the environment, her commitment to protecting our quality of life and neighborhoods, was first and foremost. The City of Rockville is in a better place for her leadership. It was an honor to have known and worked with her."

Marcuccio was president of the East Rockville Civic Association, a board member of the Rockville Housing Authority, and a member of several commissions and

task forces within the City of Rockville. She was a founding member of the Rockville Science Center and a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club of Rockville.

As president of the East Rockville Civic Association, Marcuccio was instrumental in the mission to establish Mary Trumbo Park, which memorializes a community member struck by a car on Rockville Pike in 2001. She also helped to spearhead the establishment of a neighborhood plan to ensure that East Rockville was considered in Town Center master planning.

After moving to Rockville as a young child, Marcuccio graduated from Richard Montgomery High School and only left the city long enough to get her college degrees and initial job experiences. She retired from the National Science Teachers Association as a national leader and innovator in childhood education after 38 years with the organization. ❖

City's Water Quality Receives High Marks for Safety Lead and Copper Monitoring Produces Good Results

Rockville's drinking water continues to be safe, the city's Department of Public Works said in the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, released June 29.

The report details the source, treatment, distribution, safety and quality of Rockville's drinking water. Once again in 2017, Rockville's drinking water met or exceeded all drinking water quality regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency and adopted and enforced by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Lead and copper testing of tap water samples taken from more than 60 addresses within the city in 2017 once again confirmed the safety of the city's water. The testing detected lead in just three samples,

at levels far below where the EPA requires regulatory or remedial action. The tests also showed copper levels far below the EPA action level.

Rockville's latest efforts to provide safe, reliable drinking water include new chemical feed systems at the city's water treatment plant on the Potomac River. On March 21, 2017, the plant began full-time use of ferric chloride to coagulate and remove organic compounds from the river water, improving the quality of the city's drinking water.

Learn more about the source and quality of Rockville's drinking water by viewing the full Annual Water Quality Report at www.rockvillemd.gov/annualwaterquality2018. To speak with someone about the report, call 240-314-8556. ❖



Planning to landscape this summer? Rockville can help.

Rockville's RainScapes Rewards program offers cash rebates to residents, community associations and nonprofits for landscaping with native plants and trees, installing rain barrels and removing or replacing pavement to help green your backyard and reduce pollution. Learn more and apply at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.



New Orthophoto Comparison Map Tool Available Online

Compares Rockville, Then and Now

Ever wanted to see a side-by-side map comparison of how Rockville looked during two different periods? Now you can, with a new online "orthophoto" map tool, one of the city's numerous geographic information system maps.

Orthophotos are aerial images of the earth, looking down from a uniform height. Orthophoto images of Rockville date back to 1998, taken at intervals of every two or three years. Both images side by side can be compared by moving the slider bar back and forth, or by panning the map. For complete instructions, open the "About" tool on the map toolbar.

Find the new map among the featured maps at maps.rockvillemd.gov, or search "orthophoto" in the search field of the map gallery.

Edmonston Drive Bridge Rehabilitation Begins July 16

Repairs to the Edmonston Drive Bridge are scheduled to begin this month and bring major traffic impacts to Rockville's only bridge over the Metrorail and CSX tracks.

The eight-month-long project is scheduled to begin the week of July 16 and will include cleaning and painting; concrete abutment and pier repair; and concrete crack sealing on the bridge's underside. The second phase will include concrete deck repair on the topside of the bridge, which provides a critical link between the eastern and western portions the city.

While the bridge is structurally sound, the repairs are part of the city's ongoing Bridge Rehabilitation Program, which inspects long-span bridges every two years and prioritizes repairs based on structural improvements recommended in inspection reports.

During the first phase, which is expected to last 80 working days, short-term traffic impacts will require periodic lane closures weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. One lane of the three-lane bridge will be closed for the duration of work on the bridge's topside, which is expected to last about 50 working days. At least one sidewalk across the bridge will be open at all times. The city's contractor will install variable message signs at least two weeks before construction alerting motorists to upcoming traffic impacts.

Problematic Streetlight? Here's How to Report it

Have you ever looked up at a flickering street light, or one with a dead bulb, and wondered who you should tell?

It's easy to report streetlight outages online, as long as you know who to report to — Pepco or the city. Finding out where to go is as easy as knowing the difference between a wood and a metal pole.

Lights on wooden utility poles, in most cases, are owned and maintained by Pepco. (About 25 wooden-pole mounted lights on Route 28 are the responsibility of the city.)

Lights on metal poles are mostly owned and maintained by the city. (Some metal poles on private streets are maintained by homeowners associations.)

In both cases, the wiring serving the majority of lights is maintained by Pepco, and for power outages affecting those streetlights, Pepco makes the repair.

Outages or problems with lights on wooden, Pepco-owned poles can be reported at pepco.streetlightoutages.com. Once the report is filed, Pepco emails a case number and estimated repair time, then follows up with an email notification once repairs are made.

For problems with lights on city-owned metal poles, file a report at bit.ly/RKVstreetlight. A map linked to the report form helps users identify the light's location. City staff will respond with updates on the repair.



WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH? ... Not only does July recognize American independence, it marks National Parks and Recreation Month (so enjoy one of Rockville's 65 parks and numerous summer programs). (If eating out is your thing — say while you're in a Rockville park — this month also celebrates baked beans, hot dogs, grilling, ice cream and ... picnics!)



If You're Visiting The Mansion... The Glenview Mansion will have limited access between August and November due to the construction of new ADA compliant parking and access.

Friday Night Live Lights Up Town Square with Music

The Friday Night Live Concert Series continues with live music for all tastes at Rockville Town Square, each Friday through Sept. 14. Drop by this free event and enjoy rock, reggae, ska, swing, pop and more! Shows run from 6-9 p.m.

- **July 6:** King Teddy (swing).
- **July 13:** Will Hill (reggae, rock and soul).
- **July 20:** Freddie Long Band (pop, rock).
- **July 27:** Amanda Lynne Band (classic rock, blues).
- **Aug. 3:** The Crawdaddies (roots rock, zydeco).
- **Aug. 10:** Unity Reggae Band (reggae).
- **Aug. 17:** Matt Hutchison and the Big Gin (pop, rock).
- **Aug. 24:** Dan Hass (pop, rock, variety).
- **Aug. 31:** Billy Coulter Band (roots rock, Americana).
- **Sept. 7:** Moonshine Society (rhythm and blues).
- **Sept. 14:** The Players Band (ska).

See the schedule and find more information at rockvilletownsquare.com/events/friday-night-live.

Safety and Preparedness at the Rockville Senior Center

Improve your wellness, be better prepared and learn to be safer with free classes for the 60-plus crowd, held July and August at the Rockville Senior Center.

- **Brain Health Assessment.** Is your memory normal? Should you see a doctor? This workshop delivers a free and private brain health assessment to answer those questions. Two sessions will be held on Tuesday, July 17: 1-2 p.m. (Course #5450) and 2-3 p.m. (Course #5714).
- **What You Didn't Know About the Ear, Hearing and Vertigo,** 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Learn the impact hearing loss has on balance, prevent falls, and stay active and healthy for longer. Course #5153.
- **Feel It in Your Bones,** 1-2 p.m. Thursday, July 26. Fractures and bone weakness become more of a reality with aging. Dr. Jay Shapiro, an endocrinologist, discusses how to maintain optimal bone health, prevention strategies and treatment options. Course #5218.
- **Exploring Technology Devices.** Find out how smart technology makes aging in place a viable option. Course #5753. Held 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.
- **Emergency Preparedness Tips for Seniors,** 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23. Volunteers from the Department of Homeland Security review practical steps to be better prepared for an emergency. Course #5721.
- **Balance and Fall Prevention.** Practical ways to prevent falls. Risk assessments will be offered. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28. Course #5722.
- **Stress Reduction/Meditation.** Focus, relax and come to a more peaceful sense of being. Mondays, 1-2 p.m. July 9-Sept. 10. Course #5154. \$30, members; \$35, non-members; \$40, nonresidents.

Register with the course number at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration, call 240-314-8800 or stop by the senior center's information desk.

At the F. Scott Theater: A Shipboard Romp, Singalong, Videogame Music and a Knight's Tale

"Anything Goes," presented by Rockville Musical Theatre, is a hilarious shipboard romp, wrapped around one of Cole Porter's most magical scores. It's delightful, delicious and lovely! Directed by Dana Robinson, musical direction by Stuart Weich and choreography by Hayley North.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21; at 2 p.m. Sundays, July 15 and 22. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$23 for seniors (62

and older) and students.

The premiere of *"Lancelot,"* an original ballet presented by the Rockville Civic Ballet, is one knight's tale of romance and adventure, directed by Eleanor Simpson. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 29. Tickets are \$17 for adults; \$13 for seniors (60 and older) and children (12 and under).

The *"Sixth Great Gilbert and Sullivan Sing-Out,"* presented by the Victorian Lyric Opera

Company.

Kick off VLOC's 40th anniversary season by helping civic theater companies from around the country sing through the complete musical scores of all 13 of intact Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

Performances at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31; at 9 a.m., 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1; and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2. Tickets cost \$28 for adults; \$24 for seniors (65 and older); and \$20 for students.

"Chambers &

Consoles," presented by the Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra. At 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, WMGSO's small ensembles bring to life music from big game and indie titles in their annual summer tribute to videogame music. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

The theater is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. Buy tickets at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, 240-314-8690 or in person at the box office. ✚

MML Once Again Bestows 'Banner City' Recognition on Rockville

Rockville has been named a "Banner City" by the Maryland Municipal League, which recognizes the municipalities' elected and appointed officials as the league's most engaged members. According to the MML, the Banner City/Town program fosters an environment where officials feel that their activities make a difference.

"The engagement of the officials from these municipalities has a profound impact on the league's health, making our organization one of the most progressive and engaged in the nation," a news update from the MML stated.

According to the MML, municipalities designated as banner cities or towns:

- Are recognized among their peers as an active participant in showcasing

municipal government and how it works.

- Work together as a municipality to help strengthen their membership league.
- Foster goodwill by educating youth about municipal government.
- Maximize their MML membership by taking part in league programs and activities.
- Ensure the voice of their municipality is heard on issues relevant to the membership and in matters of legislative priorities.

Sixty of the state's 124 municipalities received the designation in 2018. The towns and cities receiving the designation this year were honored at MML's annual summer convention, held June 10-13 in Ocean City. ✚



THE WIZARDS OF ROCKVILLE ... The Rockville robotics team *Wizards.exe* – and their robot – visited Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, accompanied by Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr, in her office on June 4. The team of Rockville students cast its winning spell at the world championship in April in Detroit, bringing home the FIRST Tech Challenge Championship Inspire Award, which recognizes excellence in robot design and teamwork. To watch *Wizards.exe* in action and learn more, visit youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "Wizards."



NEW HORIZON HILL PARK DAWNS ... Horizon Hill neighbors gathered along with members of the Mayor and Council, Cultural Arts Commission and city staff, Thursday, June 7, to celebrate the dedication of Horizon Hill Park.

The ceremony recognized years of collaboration between the City of Rockville and the neighborhood to plan and carry out a renovation project to address erosion and sediment runoff along 1,300 feet of the park's stream. The work undertaken included restoration and protection of the stream valley, enhanced water quality and stormwater management, erosion repair and prevention, and protection of park amenities.

In addition, the park now has a new basketball court, a wider bike path, fitness equipment, safer playgrounds and a pergola and patio. Renowned chainsaw artist Paul Waclo spent three days at the park in June carving a 15-foot tall sycamore stump into a work of art (pictured above).



CITY HALL IN YOUR 'HOOD!: There aren't too many doctors who make house calls anymore. But Rockville's Mayor and Council and city staff will bring City Hall to your community with a walking town meeting. Walking town meetings offer a casual environment for city leaders and staff to meet community members where they live and see and discuss firsthand the issues facing a neighborhood. See what it's all about in a Rockville 11 video and learn how to bring a walking town meeting to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/walkingtownmeeting.

July/August CALENDAR

CC Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.
GM Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.
FSF F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.

LP Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.
CH Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.
SR Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.

FACILITIES LEGEND:

SFC Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
TF Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
TC Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



JULY

2,16 ALZHEIMER'S AND RELATED DEMENTIA CARE PARTNERS SUPPORT GROUP. A social gathering for people with memory loss and their care companions. First and third Monday through Sept. 17. Free. Course #5723. Call Pamela at 240-499-9024. Noon-1 p.m. **SR**

2,9,16,23,30 CARDIO DRUM. An new class using a stability ball and drum sticks. Each Monday through Aug. 20. \$40 MEM/\$50 NM/\$60 NR. Course #5736. 2-2:45 p.m. **SR**

3,17 SUCCESSFULLY COPING WITH CHANGE. A support group to develop skills for seniors to age positively and cope with retirement, new illness or injury, loss and moving. Free. Register for course #5446. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION. See article on page 1. 7-9:30 p.m. Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

5,19 WOMEN LIVING ALONE. Members support each other through listening and offering tips, suggestions and advice. First and third Thursday through Sept. 20. Free. Register for course #5733. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

5,12,19 POLLIWOG ADVENTURES. Explore natural history through stories, short hikes, games and activities, with children age 2-5. July 5: Secrets in the Soil (register for course #5236). July 12: Songbirds Sing (#5237). July 19: Animal Builders (#5241). \$7 R/\$8 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

9,16,23,30 STRESS REDUCTION/MEDITATION. Runs until Sept. 10. See article on page 6. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

6,7,13-15,20-22 ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS "ANYTHING GOES." See article on page 6. **FSF**

6,13,20,27 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. See article on page 6. Rockville Town Square, 131 Gibbs St.

7,14,21,28 ROCKVILLE FARMER MARKET. Farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods, and more. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street in the jury parking lot.

8 SUMMER EVENING OF POPS! The Rockville Concert Band performs music from movies, Broadway, jazz and a patriotic spectacular. Free. 7 p.m. Rockville Town Square Park, 131 Gibbs St.

8 SUMMER LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASS BEGINS. This American Red Cross lifeguard training course will certify students in lifeguard training, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer and first aid. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19139. \$195. Register for course #5821. 6-10 p.m. **SFC**

9-13 TINY ATHLETES SUMMER CAMP. Sports and crafts for ages 3-5, including basketball, soccer, running, tumbling, an obstacle course and more. \$110 R/\$130 NR. Register for course #4143. 10 a.m.-noon. Isreal Park (behind Lincoln Park Community Center). **LP**

10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OPEN HOUSE. See article on page 2. 9-11:30 a.m. **CH**

10,24 BRAIN GAMES TO STAY BRAIN FIT. Play board and online games to cross-train your brain and address areas that are affected by aging. Second and fourth Tuesday through Sept. 25. Free. Register for course #5447. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

12 LECTURE ON JEWISH EMIGRATION TO SHANGHAI, CHINA. Author Liliane Willens, presented by the Rockville Sister City Corporation. Contact rockvillesistercities@gmail.com or 240-314-5029. 7 p.m. **GM**

14 PEACE DAY. Music, crafts, food and conversation as we make peace the news. See advertisement on this page. 1-7 p.m. King Farm Village Green, 800 Pleasant Drive.

15 ANNUAL SUMMER WEDDING EXPO. Vendor exhibits and samples, including catering, wedding cakes, photography, musical entertainment, floral arrangement, tenting services, event planning and more. \$5 in advance/\$10 at the door. Course #5777. 1-4 p.m. **GM**

16 HOME SAFETY. Tom Najjar discusses preventive steps to make your home safer as you age. Free. Register for course #5735. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

17 WINE & CHEESE OPEN HOUSE. Meet new friends and Rockville Senior Center staff. \$3 donation suggested. Course #5754. 5:30-7 p.m. **SR**

21 ROCKVILLE TWILIGHT RUNNING FESTIVAL. A pre-race festival, 8K road race, 1-mile family fun run and postrace festival and party. Visit rockvilletwilighter.org. 7-10:30 p.m. Rockville Town Center.

23-27 MAKE IT HAPPEN BASKETBALL CAMP. Ages 9-11 learn techniques and drills, with special speed and agility training, from a semi-professional player. Cost: \$59 R/\$79 NR. Register for course #4146. 6:30-7:30 p.m. **LP**

26 LECTURE ON JEWISH EMIGRATION TO HARBIN, CHINA. Author Liliane Willens, presented by the Rockville Sister City Corporation. Contact rockvillesistercities@gmail.com or 240-314-5029. 7 p.m. **GM**

28 THE BUZZ ABOUT HONEYBEES. Discover fascinating facts, sample different types of honey, extract honey from the comb and get all your burning honeybee questions answered by the Croydon Creek Nature Center's volunteer beekeeper. \$5 R/\$6 NR. Register for course #5355. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

28,29 ROCKVILLE CIVIC BALLET PRESENTS "LANCELOT." See article on page 6. **FSF**

31 DEPRESSION AND AGING. Learn about depression in older people and depression as a symptom of something else. Free. Course #5448. 10:30 a.m.-noon. **SR**

AUGUST

1,8,15,22 MOVIES IN THE PARKS. See article on page 8. 8-10 p.m.

2 GETTING YOUR FINANCIAL LIFE IN ORDER. Discusses tips for organizing bills and important documents and information. Free. Course #5672. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

2,9,16,23 POLLIWOG ADVENTURES. Explore a natural history topic through stories, short hikes, games and activities, with children age 2-5. Aug. 2: Scales and Slime (Course #5243). Aug. 9: Water Wonders (Course #5244). Aug. 16: Backyard Jungle (Course #5245). Aug. 23: Furry Friends (Course #5247). \$7 R/\$8 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

3,10,17,24,31 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. See article on page 6. Rockville Town Square, 131 Gibbs St.

4,11,18,25 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street in the jury parking lot.

5 WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN GAMER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS "CHAMBERS & CONSOLES." See article on page 6. 4-6 p.m. **FSF**

6-10 DON'T FORGET ABOUT AUGUST SUMMER CAMP, SESSION I. Sports and games, arts and crafts, group projects and field trips, for ages 6-13. Lunch is included. \$190 R/\$210 NR. Register for course #4140. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **LP**

7 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. See article on page 4.

9 GLENVIEW MANSION AND PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES: 200 YEARS OF EDUCATION. Speaker: Ralph Buglass, historian and author of "Legacy Lost." Free. 7-9 p.m. **GM**

11 CREEK CRAWL. Search for and identify the many animals that live in Croydon Creek. Ages 3 and up. \$5 R/\$6 NR. Register for course #5260. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

12 TASTE OF DIM SUM FUNDRAISER. Benefits the Rockville Sister City Corporation. Contact rockvillesistercities@gmail.com or 240-314-5029. 7 p.m. New Fortune Restaurant, 16515 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg.

13-17 DON'T FORGET ABOUT AUGUST SUMMER CAMP SESSION II. \$190 R/\$210 NR. Register for course #4141. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **LP**

21 HOSPICE 101: MYTHS AND TRUTHS. The Jewish Social Service Agency provides an overview of the hospice philosophy, eligibility criteria for benefits and coverage under Medicare. Free. Register for course #5679. 10 a.m.-noon. **SR**

30 ALL DAY EXERCISE. Preview Rockville Senior Center exercise classes that will be offered this fall, including demonstrations. Free. Course #5745. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR**

31 VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS "THE 6TH GREAT GILBERT & SULLIVAN SING-OUT." See article on page 6. 7-10:30 P.M. **FSF**

Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/register. Enter the course number listed on the calendar entry to see more details and register.



Peace Day 2018

...music, dancing, crafts, activities, fun, food, neighbors & leaders, cake & conversation...
join us as we **Make Peace the News!**

Children & families, educators & leaders, fire fighters & police officers...
moon bounce & face painting, peace crafts & keepsakes, food & fun...
Entertainment by **Mix 107.3 & Jimmy Alexander, ZamDance,**
Irish folk music of **The Black and Tan Band, Kick's Karate,** and more...
Guest Bartending (local leaders pouring **Sunrise Sangrias & Sunset Cervezas**)
Botanero's, Fontina Grille, Safeway, Coffee Republic...

When: Saturday, July 14, 2018
Main/Outdoor program/event 1-4 pm
Restaurant/Indoor fun continues til 7 pm

Where: 800 Pleasant Drive, Rockville, MD
(4 blocks south of Mattie's Park - KF Village Green area)

Why: Celebrating Mattie's birthday with peace!

Outdoor activities, entertainment, cake & conversation are FREE!
Portion of food & drink sales benefit Mattie's Foundation.
Donations Encouraged - t-shirts, wristbands, books... will be available.
www.MattieOnline.com

Logos: Rockville, BOTA, KING FARM, mix 107.3, SAFEWAY

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX

Vendors Wanted for Rocktoberfest

The city is seeking vendors, especially of German-themed crafts, for Rockville's second annual Rocktoberfest celebration, which is scheduled for 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 in Rockville Town Center.

The free festival is expected to draw 3,000 visitors and will include two stages of live music, German food, beverages from local breweries in souvenir mugs, kids activities and an artisan area.

Booths for breweries and vendors will be set up along Maryland Avenue, within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station.

Find an application and learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest or contact Amanda Knox at aknox@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8620.

Going Places With the Senior Center

When it comes to transportation options, there's no better place to be 60-and-older than at the Rockville Senior Center.

Take the **Call N Ride** program, for example, which provides subsidized coupons to pay for local taxi rides. This monthly program allows seniors to get a book of taxi coupons (valued at \$34) for a subsidized fee, based on income, to use to get to doctors' appointments, the grocery store, the pharmacy and more.

Senior Services also provides complimentary **door-to-door bus transportation** to the Rockville Senior Center for Rockville residents, Monday-Friday. Pickup times are at 9 and 11 a.m. Return rides are at noon, 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Door-to-door transportation to local grocery stores is also provided four days a week. Reserve pickup times by calling 240-314-8810 before 2 p.m. the day before needing transportation, and by 2 p.m. Friday for transport on Monday.

Learn more about ride options with **Transportation 101**, 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, which will teach attendees about Uber, Lyft and GoGo Grandparent.

Ride in style and comfort on a charter bus with a variety of popular **local trips** offered each season. A lottery is held seasonally to reserve places. The next will be at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 16 for Senior Center members, and Aug. 17 for non-members.

This fall's trips include the National Museum of the American Indian, Rainbow Comedy Playhouse, American Music Theatre and a mystery trip (find out where you're going when you get there).

For more on the Rockville Senior Center, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter.

Improved Website is on the Way!

The City of Rockville will launch an upgraded website in mid-July that will make it easier to navigate, find information and use on any device, whether it's your computer, tablet or smartphone.

The upgrade follows extensive feedback and testing by users. Following the launch, planned for Monday, July 16, the city will hold further user testing and focus groups with the public to make even more improvements to the site.

The improved website is a key part of the Mayor and Council's priority initiative to better engage and inform the community, be more transparent, and to reach out more effectively to Rockville's diverse population.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov on July 16 to see the upgraded site.



Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdspirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.



Movies in the Parks: Four Movies. Four Weeks. Four Neighborhood Parks.

Rockville's free, outdoor Movies in the Parks on the big screen return to neighborhood parks on Wednesdays in August.

Bring chairs, blankets, food and beverages and enjoy four family-friendly

movies at four different neighborhood parks. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.) and are free. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/moviesintheparks. The 2018 schedule is:



- **"Toy Story"** (Rated G) on Aug. 1, at Montrose Park, 451 Congressional Lane.

- **"Coco"** (PG) on Aug. 8, at Maryvale Park, 812 First St.

- **"Little Giants"** (PG) on Aug. 15, at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

- **"Moana"** (PG) on Aug. 22, at Potomac Woods Park, 1380 Stratton Drive.



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City Employee Sets Goal to 'LiveWell,' Loses 56 Pounds

Tony Maclin's friends and family are seeing a bit less of him these days.

Last year, a body mass index reading offered by Rockville's wellness program "caused me to stop and take notice of my physical condition," said Maclin, a commercial plans examiner in the city's Inspection Services Division. "Then I noticed all the incentives offered by the city's LiveWell program."

LiveWell, the city's employee health and wellness program, helps target specific health-related concerns and promotes physical activity. It encourages employees and spouses to get health assessments and provides incentives and health challenges, including weight management programs. The program strives to reduce medical-related costs and absenteeism, and produce healthier employees who can better serve Rockville's residents.

Knowing that the sedentary life of an office worker

can lead to poor health – and having a love of food and an aversion to doctors – Maclin began taking steps to manage his weight. He changed his diet and food preparation techniques, began drinking more water, and started an exercise regimen that included walking with a co-worker at lunchtime, and built up to 30-minute swimming and gym workouts, six days a week.

After a year, he had shed 56 pounds.

He's remained motivated through "encouragement, of all types," he said. That has included hearing "Rock on!" and encouragement from co-workers – even from Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton.

"Many co-workers have offered valuable suggestions on various aspects of this journey," Maclin said. "I listened, applied and benefited. The fact is, prevention is better than a cure. So, to all who choose to LiveWell, I say, rock on, Rockville!" ❖



Before



After

Police Chief Sworn In

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ity to relate to citizens and employees alike make him the right choice to guide our police department forward in its commitment to community policing. I am confident that Mr. Brito will lead this department to further improve the high level of service that has made Rockville one

of the most livable cities in the United States."

Maj. Bob Rappoport was recognized at the May 18 Mayor and Council meeting for serving admirably as Rockville's acting police chief since the retirement of longtime chief Terrance N. Treschuk.

"We thank Maj. Rappoport for his service to

Rockville," DiSpirito said. "His experience and knowledge of Rockville have allowed the department to continue to serve our community well during this time of transition."

The Rockville City Police Department is committed to protecting and serving the community through law enforcement, police services,

property code enforcement and education. The department strives for an open, working relationship with neighborhoods, schools and businesses to keep Rockville a safe and great place to live and work.

To learn more about the Rockville City Police Department, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ❖



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